

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Farrokh Farzin-Nia et al.

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For: AESTHETIC SELF-LIGATING ORTHODONTIC BRACKET

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of January 18, 2007 for responding to the outstanding final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes January 19, 2007.

If any additional charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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